GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF HANDICRAFTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered units in the country which export handicraft items;

(b) the details of concessions and facilities being provided to exporters by the Government for encouraging the export of handicraft items;

(c) whether the Government propose to launch any new scheme for encouraging the handicraft items to create self-employment opportunities all over the country; and;

(d) if so, the details thereof up-to- date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a): The number of registered units exporting handicrafts items including carpets registered with Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) and Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC) is 6692 and 2458 respectively.

(b): The concession and facilities being provided by the Government to exporters to promote the export of handicrafts items include: duty draw back on exports; eligibility of funds from Market Access Initiative scheme for developing website for virtual exhibition; entitlement to the benefit of export house status on achieving average export performance of Rs.5.00 crore during the preceding three licensing years; entitlement to duty free import of specified items upto 3% of FOB value ofexports and assistance under MDA scheme to exporters for participation in fairs/exhibition abroad as well as for undertaking research. Besides, the EPCH and CEPC are provided financial assistance for organizing Indian Handicrafts & Gifts Fair and Carpet Fair at New Delhi twice a yearAssistance is also provided to both the councils for participation in fair /festivals abroad organization of seminar/workshops and for internal and external publicity.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.